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To: SUPERVISOR BAXTER WARD, Chairman
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From: JOHN H. LARSON, County Counsel *John*

Re: COUNTY MAYOR PROPOSAL

*Mayors LA Co.
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By Board order dated May 19, 1976, this office was instructed to make certain revisions in the proposed Charter amendment which would create the office of County Mayor. We are attaching a proposed Charter amendment which contains those revisions, as well as additional revisions submitted by Supervisors Hahn and Edelman pursuant to the same Board order.

In addition, we have made certain other minor revisions in the County Mayor proposal to make it consistent with the provisions of Proposition "B", approved by the voters on June 8. These revisions consist of the following:

1. Deletion of now redundant language relating to the rights of Department Heads removed from Civil Service;
2. Deletion of redundant language relating to leaves of absence for classified personnel appointed to unclassified positions;
3. Revision of Charter Section 33 to reflect changes made by Proposition "B"; and
4. Revision of new Charter Section 33.7 to provide that the County Mayor, rather than the Board of Supervisors, shall appoint Department Heads from a list received from the Civil Service Commission.

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PROPOSITION "A"

In order to provide for the elective officer of County Mayor, to define the powers and duties of the County Mayor, and to redefine the powers and duties of the Board of Supervisors, Article III of the Charter of the County of Los Angeles shall be repealed and Articles III and III-A added, Section 8 of said Charter shall be repealed, Sections 5, 6 and 9 of said Charter shall be renumbered, Sections 5.2, 5.4, 5.6, 5.8, 5.10, 5.12, 6.2, 6.4, 6.6, 6.8, 6.10, 6.12, 6.14, 6.16, 6.18, 7.2 and 7.4 shall be added to said Charter, and Sections 2, 12, 21, 30, 31 and 33 of said Charter shall be amended and Section 25 1/2 added as provided herein. All of these provisions shall become effective on the date and hour that the first County Mayor of Los Angeles County takes office, except that Sections 10.2 and 10.6 of new Article III shall become effective on January 1, 1977.

First: Section 8 of the Charter of the County of Los Angeles is repealed.

in order to provide for the election of
County Mayor, to define the powers and duties of the
County Board, and to redefine the powers and duties of
the Board of Supervisors, Article III of the Charter of
the County of Los Angeles shall be repealed and Articles
III and III-A added, Section 9 of said Charter shall be
repealed. Sections 2, 3 and 4 of said Charter shall be
renumbered, Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8,
2.9, 2.10, 2.11, 2.12, 2.13, 2.14, 2.15, 2.16, 2.17, 2.18, 2.19,
and 2.20 shall be added to said Charter, and Sections 2,
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19, 20, 21 and 22 of said Charter shall be amended
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takes office, except that Sections 10, 11 and 12 of new
Article III shall become effective on January 1, 1977.

First: Section 2 of the Charter of the County of

Los Angeles is repealed.

~~Sec.-8:--Whenever-a-vacancy-occurs-in-the-Board-of Supervisors-the-Governor-shall-fill-such-vacancy,-and the-appointee-shall-hold-office-until-the-election-and qualification-of-his-successor:--In-such-case,-a-Supervisor-shall-be-elected-at-the-next-general-election,-to fill-the-vacancy-for-the-unexpired-term,-unless-such term-expires-on-the-first-Monday-in-December-succeeding said-election:~~

Second: Section 5 of the Charter of the County of Los Angeles is renumbered to be Section 4.2 thereof.

Third: Section 6 of the Charter of the County of Los Angeles is renumbered to be Section 4.4 thereof.

Fourth: Sections 5.2, 5.4, 5.6, 5.8, 5.10, 5.12, 6.2, 6.4, 6.6, 6.8, 6.10, 6.12, 6.14, 6.16, 6.18, 7.2 and 7.4 are added to the Charter of the County of Los Angeles to read:

Sec. 5.2. The legislative and quasi-judicial power of the County is vested in the Board of Supervisors.

Sec. 5.4. The Board of Supervisors may enact ordinances, resolutions and Board orders as provided in Article III-A of this Charter. Action by the Board of Supervisors shall be by ordinance or resolution, except where the Board is authorized by this Charter to act on specific matters by Board order.

Sec. 5.6. The Board of Supervisors may initiate amendments to the County Charter and put questions to referendum as provided by law. Resolutions and ordinances adopted pursuant to this section are not subject to veto or approval by the Mayor.

Sec. 5.10. The Board of Supervisors may conduct investigations or inquiries into the conduct, integrity or effectiveness of any County officer, employee or department.

Sec. 5.12. The Board of Supervisors may conduct public hearings pertaining to any matter concerning which the Board is empowered to act.

Sec. 6.2. The Board of Supervisors is authorized and it shall be the duty of the Board:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, to provide by ordinance for the compensation of elective and appointive officers and of all employees of the County.

(b) Except as otherwise provided herein, to provide, by ordinance, for the number of assistants, deputies, clerks, attaches, and other persons to be employed from time to time in the several offices and institutions of the County, and for their compensation and the times at which they shall be appointed.

(c) To provide, by ordinance, for the creation of County offices other than those required by the constitution and laws of the State and for the compensation of the holders of those offices.

(d) To provide, by ordinance, for the consolidation or separation of offices provided for in this Charter or by law.

(e) To require, if deemed expedient, any County officer or employee, before or after entering upon the duties of his office or service, to give bond for the faithful performance thereof, in such penal sums as may be fixed by the Board.

Sec. 5.11. The Board of Supervisors may, by resolution, authorize the purchase of any real property, including any interest therein, for the purpose of establishing a public library or for the purpose of acquiring a building for the use of a public library.

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(f) To provide, by ordinance, the functions to be performed, the services to be provided, and the policies to be followed by County offices and agencies.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, to adjust by Board order the boundaries of supervisorial districts, as provided by law.

Sec. 6.4. The Board of Supervisors shall, by Board order, appoint a General Accounting Officer to serve for a term of four years, unless sooner removed by the Board, as provided herein. A person appointed as General Accounting Officer shall have at least five years of senior-level experience in financial management.

The General Accounting Officer may conduct audits of County departments, operations and transactions and may make such additional investigations of matters relating to County affairs as he may deem desirable, or as the Board may direct by Board order. The General Accounting Officer shall make written reports to the Board of Supervisors of his audits and investigations which shall be promptly available to the County Mayor, the Sheriff, the District Attorney, the Assessor and other law enforcement agencies without charge and to members of the public at the cost of reproduction.

The Board may remove a General Accounting Officer from office, by a Board order concurred in by at least two-thirds of its membership, for demonstrated incompetence, conviction of a felony, physical or mental incapacity, or failure to retire upon reaching the mandatory retirement age.

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Sec. 6.6. The Board of Supervisors shall, by resolution, appropriate and authorize the expenditure of any and all funds of the County, including funds made available from State, federal or private sources. No officer, employee or department of the County shall make any expenditure of County funds that has not been authorized by appropriation of the Board of Supervisors.

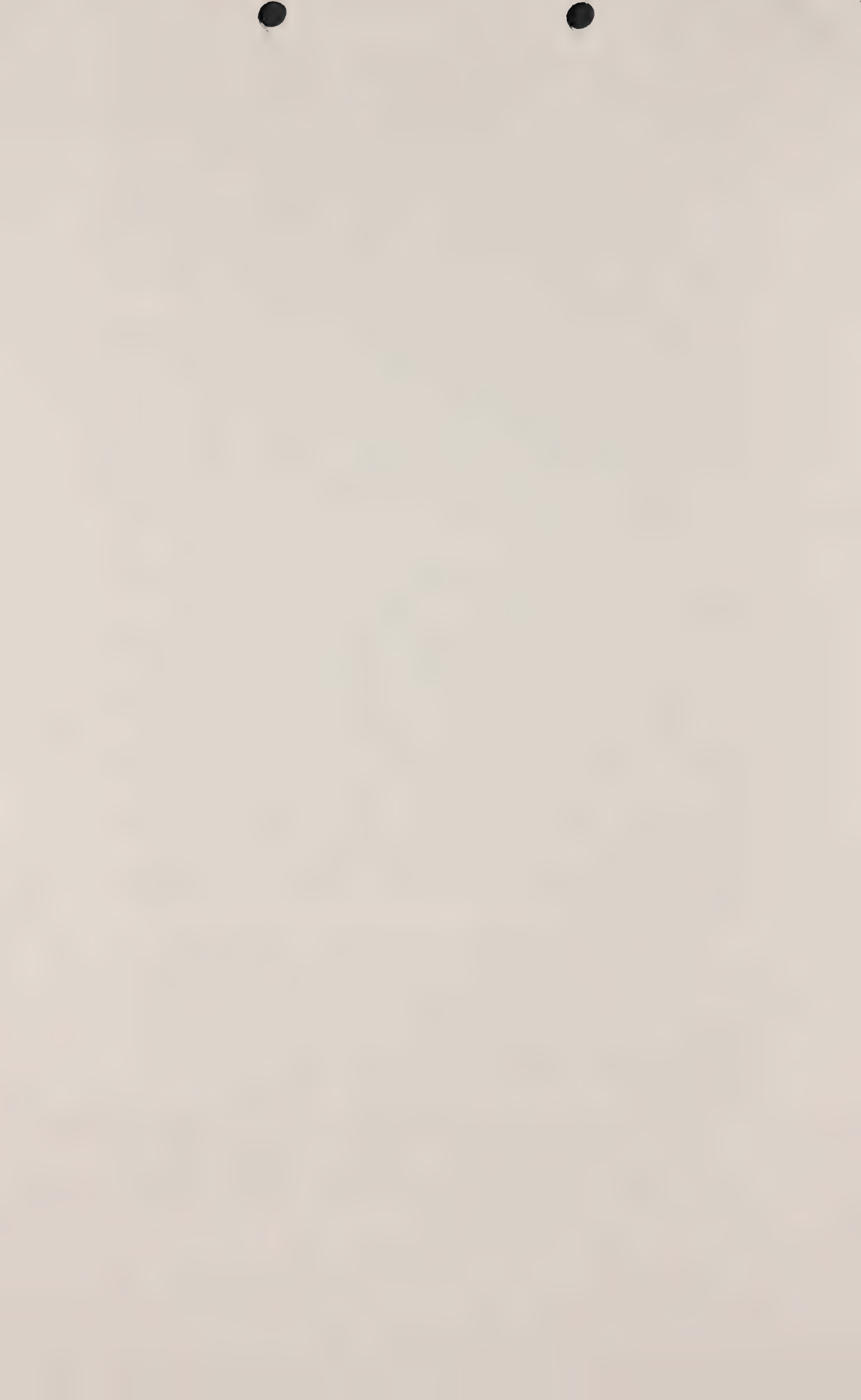
Sec. 6.8. The Board of Supervisors shall, by resolution not subject to approval or veto by the County Mayor, set the property tax rate. All powers of the County to levy taxes, fees, excises, or like exactions are vested in the Board of Supervisors, acting by ordinance or resolution.

Sec. 6.10. For the conduct of its functions, the Board of Supervisors may, by Board order, establish rules of organization and procedure, and establish committees of its members or other appropriate assignments.

Sec. 6.12. The Board of Supervisors may request the County Mayor to submit regular reports to the Board relating to conduct of County business and programs, the quality of County services, and the productivity of County programs, and the County Mayor shall respond to such requests.

Sec. 6.14. The Board of Supervisors may authorize and regulate expenditures from funds which have been appropriated to the Board for its own operations. All such expenditures are subject to the audit procedures applicable to all County departments and operations.

Sec. 6.16. The Board of Supervisors may, by Board order, establish an office of the Clerk of the Board of



Supervisors, appoint a Clerk, and specify the authority and duties of the Clerk and his subordinates.

Sec. 6.18. It is the firm intent of these amendments that the number of professional staff people assigned to the office of each Supervisor be substantially reduced as the executive authority is transferred from the Board of Supervisors to the County Mayor.

Accordingly, on the day that the first County Mayor assumes office, the professional staff of each Supervisor shall be reduced to seven persons. This limitation shall govern the total number of classified and unclassified professional employees in each office. If the number of Supervisors is increased above five, the classified and unclassified professional staff of each Supervisor shall be reduced to five persons. Any subsequent increase in the number of classified employees assigned to the office of a Supervisor shall be by ordinance which receives an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Supervisors and is subject to veto by the Mayor.

Sec. 7.2. Following each decennial federal census, and using the census as a basis, the Board shall, by Board order, adjust the boundaries of any or all of the supervisorial districts of the County so that the districts shall be as nearly equal in population as may be. In establishing the boundaries of the districts the Board shall give consideration to the following factors:

(a) Topography, (b) geography, (c) cohesiveness, contiguity, integrity, and compactness of territory, and (d) community of interests of the districts.

Sec. 7.4. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the office of a member of the Board of Supervisors, the vacancy shall be

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filled by the Board of Supervisors, by Board order adopted by majority of the then remaining members of the Board, if the Board fills such vacancy within 60 days from the date the vacancy occurs. If the Board does not fill the vacancy within such period, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the County Mayor, subject to approval by a majority of the then remaining members of the Board of Supervisors. Whenever a Supervisor is appointed as herein provided, the appointee shall hold office until the election and qualification of his successor. In such case, a successor shall be elected at the next general election, to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, unless such term expires on the first Monday in December succeeding said election.

Fifth: Section 9 of the Charter of the County of Los Angeles is renumbered to be Section 6.20 thereof.

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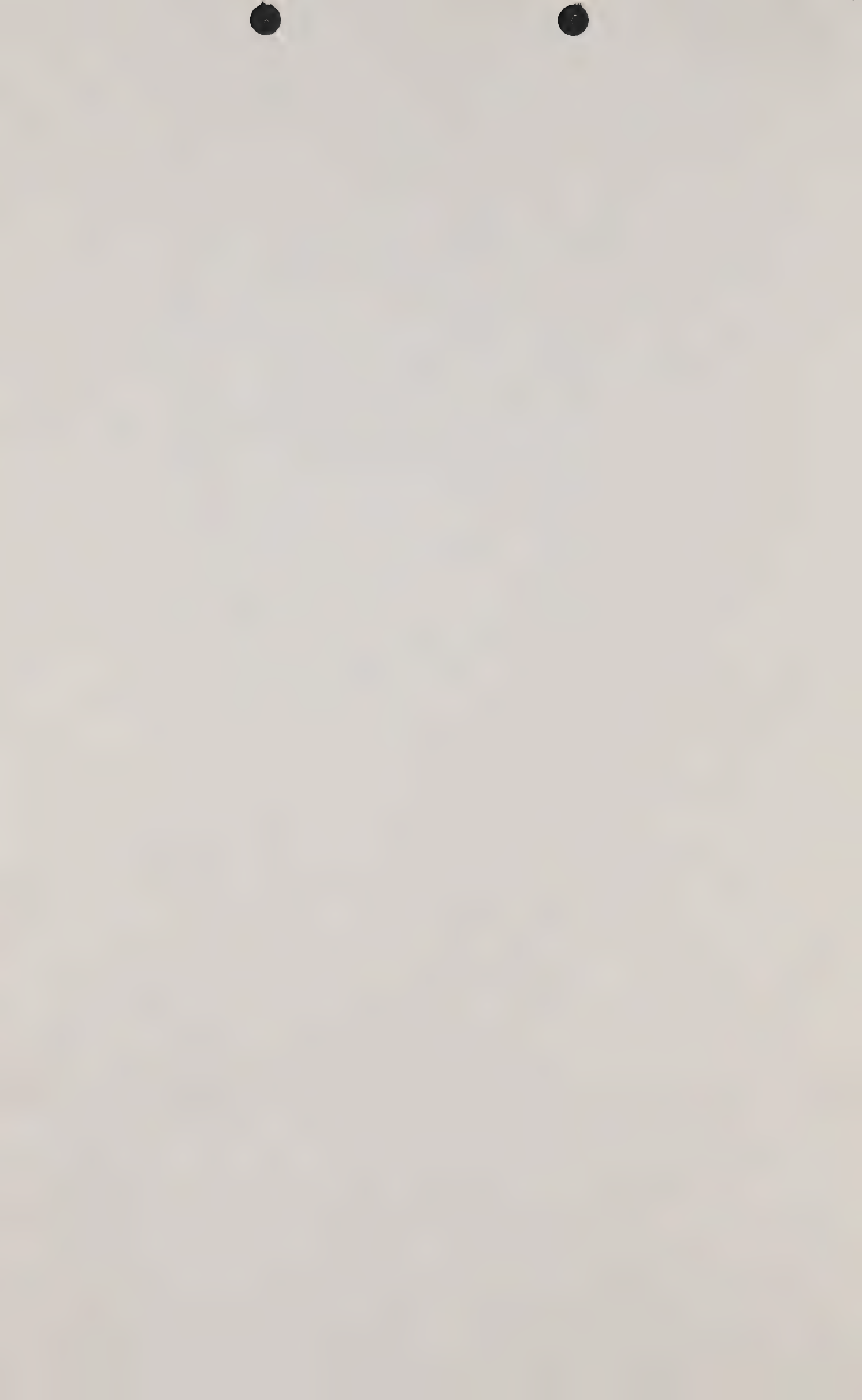
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Sixth: Article III (beginning with Section 10) of the Charter of the County of Los Angeles is repealed. Article III (beginning with Section 10.2) and Article III-A (beginning with Section 11.2) are added to said Charter to read, respectively:

ARTICLE-III:

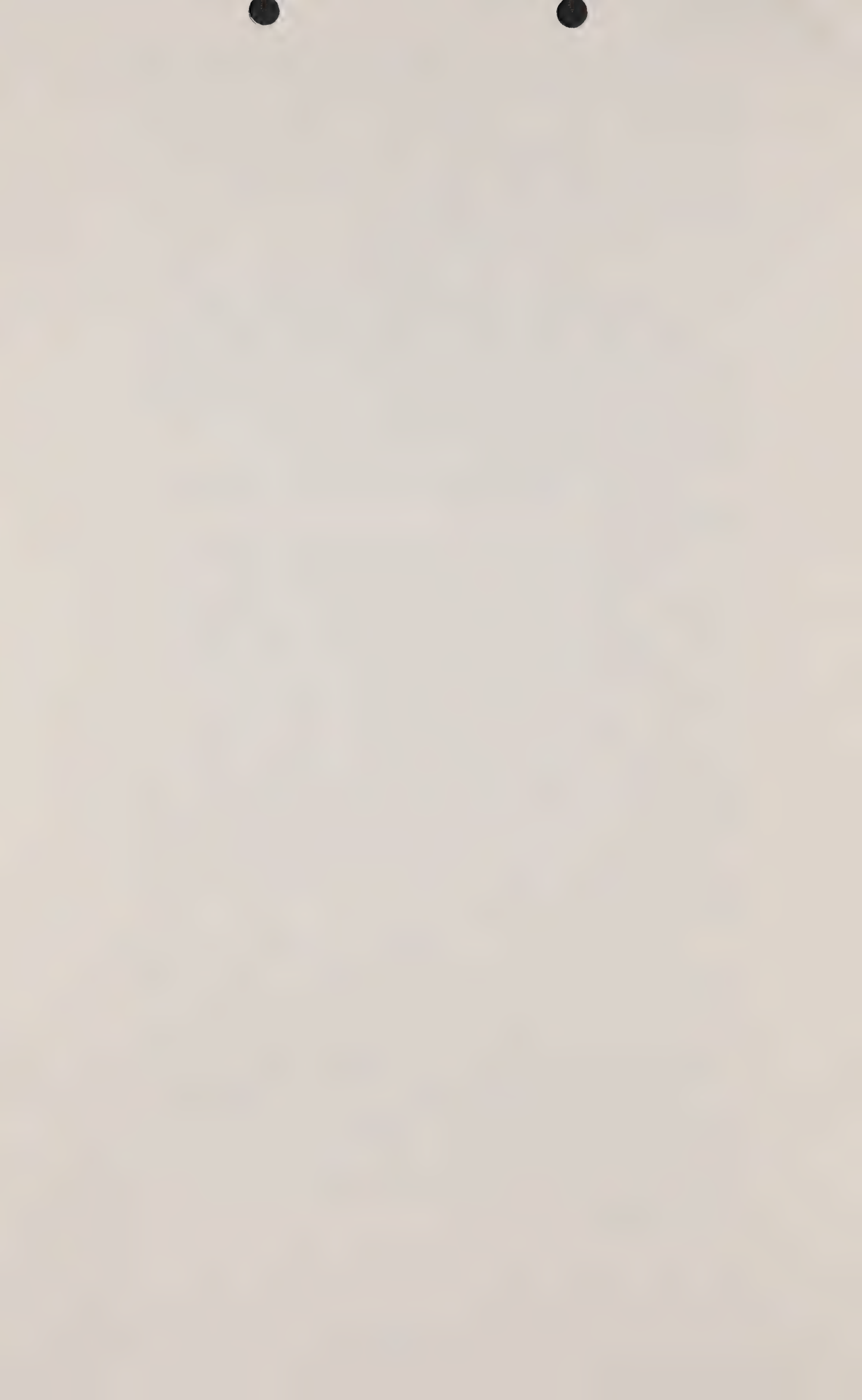
General-Powers-of-the-Board-of-Supervisors

Sec.-10:--The-Board-of-Supervisors-shall-have-all the-jurisdiction-and-power-which-are-now-or-which-may hereafter-be-granted-by-the-constitution-and-laws-of the-State-of-California-or-by-this-Charter:

Sec.-11:--It-shall-be-the-duty-of-the-Board-of Supervisors:

(1)--To-appoint-all-County-officers-other-than elective-officers;-and-all-officers;-assistants;-deputies;-clerks;-attaches-and-employees-whose-appointment is-not-provided-for-by-this-Charter:--Except-in-the cases-of-appointees-to-the-unclassified-service;-all appointments-by-the-Board-shall-be-from-the-eligible civil-service-list:--The-Board-shall-provide;-by-ordinance;-for-the-compensation-of-elective-officers-and-of its-appointees;-unless-such-compensation-is-otherwise fixed-by-this-Charter:

(2)--To-provide;-by-ordinance;-for-the-number-of Justices-of-the-Peace-and-Constables;-to-be-elected and-appointed;-respectively;-in-each-Township:--The Board-may-also-provide;-by-ordinance;-for-the-number and-fix-the-compensation;-of-such-other-judges-and inferior-officers-of-such-inferior-courts-as-are-now; or-may-hereafter-be;-provided-by-the-constitution-or-by general-law:



(3)--To provide; by ordinance; for the number of assistants; deputies; clerks; attaches; and other persons to be employed from time to time in the several offices and institutions of the County; and for their compensation and the times at which they shall be appointed;

(4)--To provide; by ordinance; for the creation of offices other than those required by the constitution and laws of the State; and for the appointments of persons to fill the same; and to fix their compensation. The Board of Supervisors may also; by ordinance; consolidate or separate offices provided for in this Charter or by law.

(5)--To require; if deemed expedient; any county or township officer; or employee; before or after entering upon the duties of his office; or service; to give bond for the faithful performance thereof; in such penal sums as may be fixed by the Board.

(6)--To provide; publish and enforce; a complete code of rules; not inconsistent with general laws or this Charter; prescribing in detail the duties; and the systems of office and institutional management; accounts and reports for each of the offices; institutions and departments of the County.

ARTICLE III

County Mayor

Sec. 10.2. At the general election held in November, 1978, and every four years thereafter, a County Mayor shall be elected for a term of four years, to begin at 12:01 AM, January 1, following the election and end at midnight four years thereafter. The County Mayor shall hold office until his successor is elected and qualified.



All elections for the office of County Mayor shall be nonpartisan elections.

Sec. 10.6. A person elected to the office of County Mayor must have been an elector of the County for at least thirty days immediately preceding the filing of his nomination papers and must reside in the County during his incumbency.

The County Mayor shall receive as compensation for his services an annual salary payable monthly from the County Treasury, and shall have the retirement benefits now or hereafter provided by law for officers and employees of the County. The annual salary of the County

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Mayor shall be set by the Board of Supervisors. The compensation of the County Mayor shall be at least \$1.00 more than the compensation of any other County elective officer. Section 52 shall apply to the compensation of the County Mayor, provided that the County Mayor shall at all times receive at least \$1.00 more than the compensation of any other elective County officer. A County Mayor may not receive any compensation, in addition to that provided by this section, for services rendered to any public or governmental entity.

The County Mayor shall devote all of his time during business hours to the faithful service of the public.

Sec. 10.8. The executive and administrative authority of the County is vested in the County Mayor and the County Mayor is responsible for the faithful execution and fair administration of all laws and ordinances relating to the County except insofar as such authority and responsibility is vested by law in the Sheriff, the District Attorney or the Assessor or as such responsibility is delegated by the County Mayor or by law to another County officer or employee.

Sec. 10.10. The County Mayor has direct line authority to supervise all County officers and employees and to administer all departments of the County except the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff, District Attorney and Assessor and their departments. It is the responsibility of the County Mayor to coordinate and bring about cooperation among all officers, employees and departments of the County and it is their responsibility to extend such cooperation upon request of the County Mayor.

Sec. 10.12. Except as otherwise provided by local, state or federal law, the County Mayor may prescribe, for all County officers, employees and departments, except the Board of Supervisors, Sheriff, District Attorney and Assessor and their departments, administrative priorities, procedures and practices necessary to carry out the law and the functions of the County officer, employee or department concerned.

Sec. 10.14. The County Mayor shall have the power to approve or veto an ordinance or resolution passed by the Board of Supervisors and to veto or reduce an appropriation item in an ordinance or resolution or in the annual budget adopted by the Board of Supervisors as provided in Article III-A of this Charter.

Sec. 10.16. The County Mayor or his designees shall be the sole representative of the public employer and shall have the duty to bargain in good faith.

Sec. 10.18. Subject to Section 10.21:

The County Mayor shall appoint the head of each County department and the person next in rank to each County department head except elective officers and their subordinates, the General Accounting Officer and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. The County Mayor shall appoint the members of all boards, commissions and committees.

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Appointments by the County Mayor, except those authorized by Section 10.26 of this Charter, shall not be effective until confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.

Sec. 10.20. Subject to Section 10.21:

The County Mayor may remove any person whom he is authorized to appoint.

The Board of Supervisors, by a four-fifths vote of all of its members, may remove, for cause, any person whose appointment was confirmed by the Board. This removal may be made by the Board only upon stating in writing the reasons therefor and allowing the person to be removed an opportunity to be publicly heard in his own defense.

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Sec. 10.21. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Charter, any person employed as the next in rank to the head of a County department or agency on the date the first County Mayor takes office and whose position as next in rank to a department head or agency is removed from the classified

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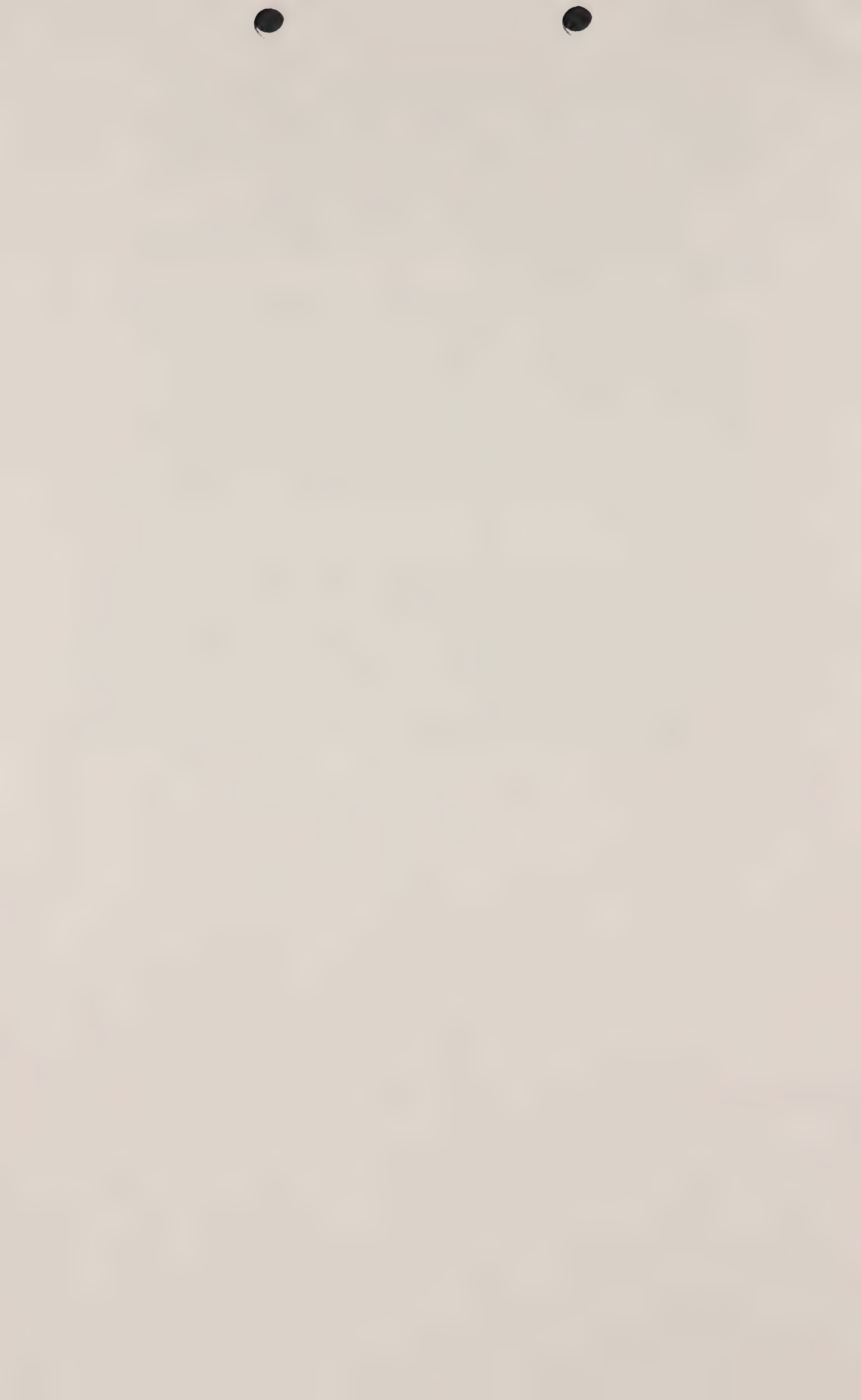
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service on said date and placed in the unclassified service, shall continue to have the same rights as if his position had not been placed in the unclassified service.

Sec. 10.22. The County Mayor shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, an Assistant County Mayor.

Sec. 10.24. The Board of Supervisors, by ordinance, may authorize the County Mayor to delegate in writing any of the powers vested in him by this Charter to officers whose appointment is subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, except that he may not be authorized to delegate the power to appoint or remove nor the power to veto or approve ordinances or resolutions adopted by the Board of Supervisors.

Sec. 10.26. The County Mayor may appoint up to but not more than seven deputies. Any subsequent increase in the number of unclassified employees assigned to the office of the County Mayor shall be by an ordinance which receives an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Supervisors and is subject to veto by the Mayor. No person appointed pursuant to this section shall be subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors.

Sec. 10.27. The positions assigned to the Chief Administrative Office of the County on the date the first County Mayor takes office shall be transferred to the office of the County Mayor as of that date.

During the term of the first-elected County Mayor, there shall be a division of finance within the office of the County Mayor, which shall, subject to the direction and supervision of the County Mayor, prepare the County budget and conduct such related activities as the County Mayor shall direct.

Sec. 10.28. The County Mayor shall, from time to time but not less often than once each year, make in person a report to the Board of Supervisors concerning the state of the County and recommend to the Board of Supervisors, for its consideration, such measures as the County Mayor believes to be necessary and expedient.

Sec. 10.30. The first-elected County Mayor shall petition the State Legislature and the Governor, on behalf of the County, to enact such conforming changes in State law as may be necessary or desirable in light of the adoption by the voters of Los Angeles County, at the election held on November 2, 1976, of Proposition A or of Proposition A and Proposition B submitted to said voters at said election.

Sec. 10.32. Not later than 60 days before the end of each fiscal year, the County Mayor shall submit to the Board of Supervisors a recommended annual County budget for the following fiscal year. Prior to doing so, the County Mayor shall receive and consider all budget recommendations made by elective officers and other County departments or budget units. If the annual budget recommended by the County Mayor differs in respect to the budget submitted by an elective County officer, the County Mayor shall disclose the difference or differences to the Board of Supervisors at the time of submitting the recommended budget.

Sec. 10.33. Budget adjustments shall be made by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

Sec. 10.34. If the Board of Supervisors determines by a four-fifths vote that the County Mayor is temporarily disabled, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall become the Acting County Mayor for the period of

such temporary disability or until a vacancy in the office of County Mayor is declared. A temporary disability is terminated when the Mayor files a declaration with the Board of Supervisors stating that his temporary disability has ended. For the purposes of this section, the Acting County Mayor shall have the full powers of the County Mayor except he shall not have the power to remove any person.

Sec. 10.36. A vacancy exists in the office of County Mayor upon the death, removal or resignation of the County Mayor or when the County Mayor is continuously disabled from performing his duties for a period of 180 days or more, and the Board of Supervisors, by Board order approved by a unanimous vote of the members thereof, finds that it is probable that his disability will substantially impair his ability to perform his duties over the balance of his term. When there is such a vacancy in the office of County Mayor, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall become the Acting County Mayor with the full powers of the County Mayor provided in the Charter until an elected successor qualifies, or until a County Mayor is appointed or the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors shall become County Mayor as hereinafter provided, whichever first occurs.

When a vacancy occurs in the office of County Mayor, the vacancy shall be filled by election if the Board of Supervisors adopts an ordinance calling a special election for such purpose on or before the thirtieth day after the vacancy occurs. In such case, a successor shall be elected to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term. In the event that the Board of Supervisors fails



to call such an election, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the Governor made not earlier than the thirty-first day nor later than the ninetieth day after the vacancy occurs. In the event the Governor fails to appoint a successor within such period, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors or the supervisor who is the Acting County Mayor pursuant to Section 10.40 shall become the Mayor.

Whenever a County Mayor is appointed or the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors becomes County Mayor because the Governor failed to appoint a Mayor as herein provided, the appointee shall hold office until the election and qualification of his successor. In such case, a successor shall be elected at the next general election, to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, unless such term expires on the last day of December succeeding said election.

Sec. 10.38. The County Mayor shall have such additional powers and duties as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

Sec. 10.40. If the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is disabled or there is no Chairman, the Chairman pro tempore shall become the Acting County Mayor. If the Chairman pro tempore is disabled or there is no Chairman pro tempore, the most senior supervisor in years of service shall become the Acting County Mayor.

ARTICLE III-A

Ordinances, Resolutions and Board Orders

Sec. 11.2. The enactment of an ordinance, resolution or Board order may be proposed by any member of the Board of Supervisors.



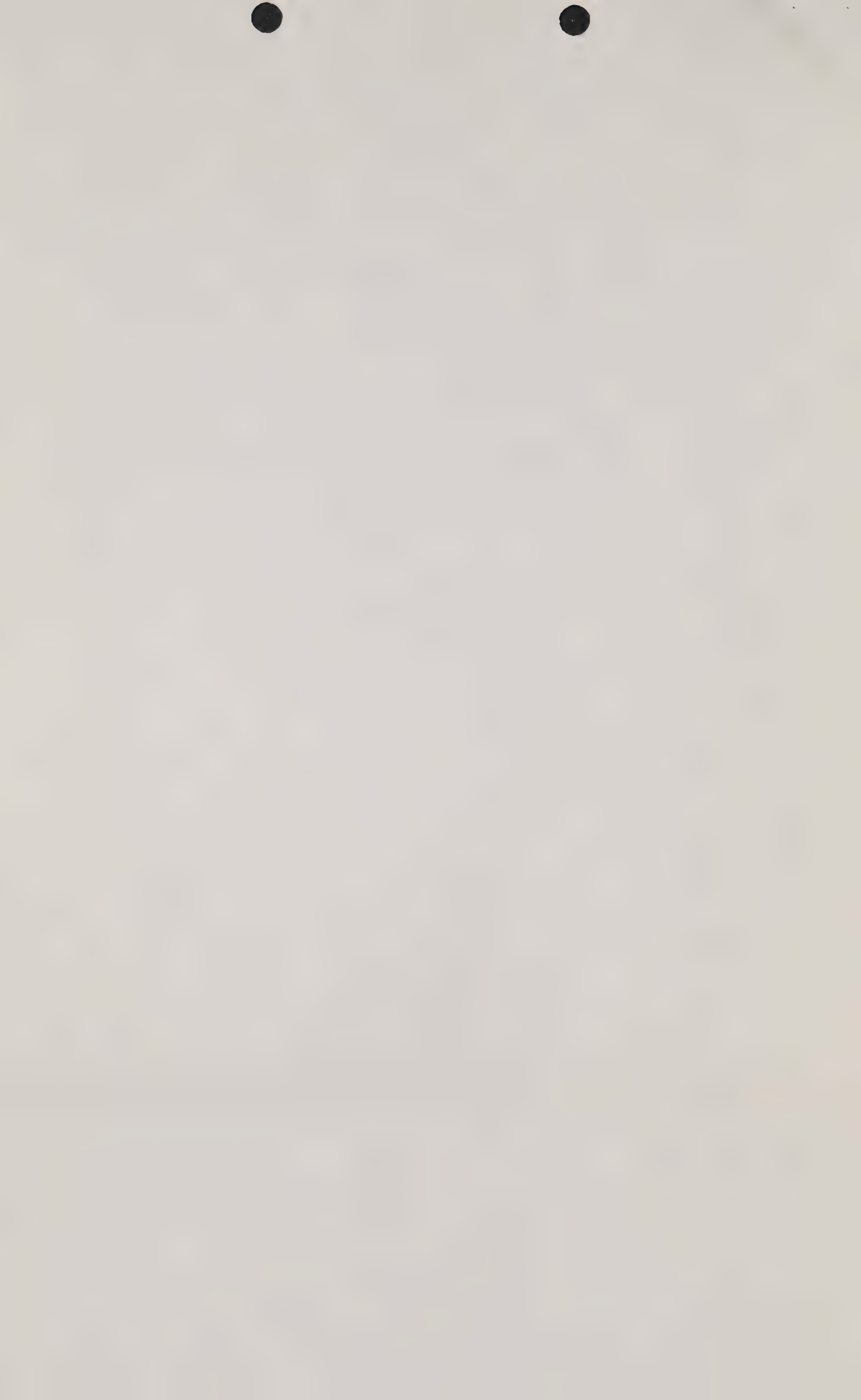
Sec. 11.4. An ordinance may be adopted by the Board of Supervisors, subject to the approval or veto by the County Mayor except when such approval or veto is expressly made inapplicable by a provision of this Charter.

Sec. 11.6. A resolution may be adopted by the Board of Supervisors, subject to the approval or veto by the County Mayor except when such approval or veto is expressly made inapplicable by a provision of this Charter.

Sec. 11.8. A Board order may be adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Board orders do not require approval nor are they subject to veto by the County Mayor.

Sec. 11.10. After an ordinance or resolution has been adopted by the Board of Supervisors, it shall be presented to the County Mayor by the Clerk of the Board.

Sec. 11.12. Within five business days after he is presented an ordinance or resolution which the Board of Supervisors has designated an urgency measure and within ten business days in all other cases, the County Mayor shall either approve the ordinance or resolution by signing it and returning it to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or he shall disapprove and veto the ordinance or resolution and return the ordinance or resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors with the County Mayor's written objections thereto. The failure of the County Mayor to return an ordinance or resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors within the time limits herein specified shall constitute his approval thereof and the ordinance or resolution shall take



effect without the signature of the County Mayor, the Clerk of the Board making note of such fact on the official copy of the ordinance or resolution.

When the County Mayor is out of the County, the power of the County Mayor to veto an ordinance or resolution shall devolve on the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors except that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors may not approve or veto an ordinance or resolution until the County Mayor has been absent from the County for a period of five continuous days. The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors may, however, immediately approve or veto an urgency ordinance.

Sec. 11.14. The County Mayor may veto or reduce one or more appropriation items in an ordinance or resolution and approve the remainder of such ordinance or resolution. In such case, the County Mayor shall return the ordinance or resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors with his written objections to the appropriation items therein which the County Mayor vetoed or reduced.

Sec. 11.16. When the County Mayor has vetoed an ordinance or resolution or appropriation item or has reduced an appropriation item, the Board of Supervisors may reconsider the same. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of all members of the Board of Supervisors vote in favor of the passage thereof, within 30 days after it is returned to the Clerk of the Board, the

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ordinance, resolution, or appropriation item shall become effective, notwithstanding the prior veto or the reduction of an appropriation item. If by law a larger than two-thirds vote by the Board of Supervisors is required for the adoption of a particular ordinance or resolution, such larger vote shall also be required to overcome the veto or appropriation item reduction by the County Mayor. When an ordinance, resolution or appropriation item becomes effective pursuant to this section, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall make note thereof on the official copy of the ordinance or resolution.

Seventh: Sections 2, 12, 21, 30, 31, 33, and 33.7 of the Charter of the County of Los Angeles are amended and Section 25 1/2 is added to read:

Sec. 2. ~~The powers mentioned in the preceding section can be exercised only by a Board of Supervisors, or by agents and officers acting under their authority or by authority of law of this Charter.~~ The County is organized on the principle of separation of powers, the legislative and quasi-judicial powers of the County being conferred upon the Board of Supervisors and the executive and administrative powers of the County being conferred upon the other elective officers of the County. Whenever laws of the State, heretofore or hereafter enacted, delegate executive or administrative powers or impose executive or administrative duties on boards of supervisors, such powers shall be exercised and duties performed in the County by the County Mayor.



Sec. 21. The County Counsel shall represent and advise the County Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and all County, township and school district officers, in all matters and questions of law pertaining to their duties, and shall have exclusive charge and control of all civil actions and proceedings in which the County, or any officer thereof, is concerned or is a party. He shall also act as attorney for the Public Administrator in the matter of all estates in which such office is executor, administrator with the will annexed, or administrator, and the County Counsel shall, in every such matter, collect the attorney's fees allowed therein by law and pay the same into the County Treasury.

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Sec. 30. The Civil Service Commission shall consist of three members appointed by the Board-of-Supervisors County Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. Each member of the Commission shall be appointed for a six-year term and shall serve until his successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by the Board of-Supervisors County Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, for the unexpired term. No member shall hold any other salaried County office, nor shall he have been, within the year next preceding his appointment, an active executive officer in any political organization. Each member shall have-been be a resident of the county ~~for-the-five-years-next-pre-~~ceding at the time of his appointment, and during his tenure ~~his-name-shall-be-upon-the-assessment-roll-at-the-time~~ ~~of-his-appointment~~. The County Mayor, with the consent of the Board of Supervisors by a four-fifths vote of all of the members, may remove a member of the Commission during his term of office, but only upon stating in writing the reasons for such removal and allowing him an opportunity to be publicly heard in his own defense. The Commission shall elect one of its members president.

Sec. 31. ~~The Commission-shall-appoint-the~~ Director of Personnel ~~who~~ shall administer the Civil Service system under the direction of the ~~Commission;--The~~ ~~Director-of-Personnel-shall;-under-the-direction-of-the~~ Board-of-Supervisors; County Mayor and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ~~said-Board~~ the County Mayor pursuant to the provisions of Section 22 3/4 hereof. ~~The-Director-of-Personnel-shall-appoint~~ ~~all-assistants;-deputies;-and-other-persons-in-the~~ department.

Sec. 33. The Civil Service of the County is hereby divided into the unclassified and the classified service.

The unclassified service shall comprise:

(a) All officers elected by the people.

(b) Members of all commissions, committees and boards created by this Charter, statute or ordinance.

(c) All heads of County agencies and departments, ¹ and the person next in rank in each department or agency.

(d) In the office of the District Attorney: The Chief and one other deputy, one secretary, and three detectives; and special counsel and special detectives for temporary employment.

(e) In the office of the Sheriff: The Under-sheriff, or Chief Deputy. In the office of the Assessor: The Chief Deputy.

(f) Superintendents, principals and teachers in the school system.

(g) All officers and other persons serving the County without compensation.

(h) The Assistant County Mayor and the deputies to the County Mayor.

(i) Deputies to the Supervisors.

(j) General Accounting Officer.

The classified service shall include all other positions now existing or hereafter created.

Sec. 33.7. ~~The Board-of-Supervisors~~ County Mayor in making an appointment to the position of Department Head shall make such appointment from a list received from the Civil Service Commission certifying the candidates as meeting the standards for the position.

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Sec. 25 1/2. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in Sections 22, 22 1/4, 22 1/2, 22 3/4, 24 1/3, 27 or any other provision of this Charter, the head of each department, except the Clerk of the Board, shall report to and be under the general supervision and direction of the Mayor and not the Board of Supervisors and shall make a yearly report to the Mayor or as often as the Mayor shall require and the Mayor and not the Board of Supervisors shall appoint the Forester and Fire Warden.

THE 1917 CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN THE
STATE OF TEXAS. THE CONVENTION WAS
HELD AT DALLAS, TEXAS, ON THE 12TH DAY OF
JANUARY, 1901. THE CONVENTION WAS
COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM
THE SEVERAL COUNTIES OF THE STATE,
AND WAS THE FIRST CONVENTION OF THE
KIND SINCE THE YEAR 1845. THE
CONVENTION WAS CALLED TO ORDER
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE,
AND WAS OPENED BY A PRAYER.
THE FIRST BUSINESS OF THE
CONVENTION WAS THE ADOPTION
OF A RESOLUTION RELATIVE
TO THE FRANCHISE OF THE
NEGRO. THE RESOLUTION WAS
ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 100
YEAS TO 10 NAYS. THE
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PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT NO.

SEPARATION OF POWERS - COUNTY MAYOR AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. Shall the Charter be amended to provide that the legislative and executive powers now vested in the Board of Supervisors be separated by creating an elective Mayor who will exercise those powers normally vested in an executive, including the preparation of budgets, the veto of ordinances, resolutions and items in the budget and, subject to the approval of the Board of Supervisors, the appointment of County commissions and officers. The Board of Supervisors will remain the legislative body approving or rejecting the Mayor's appointments, adopting all ordinances, and overriding the Mayor's veto by a two-thirds vote. The Mayor and members of the Board of Supervisors will be limited to seven deputies each, all of whom shall be unclassified. The department heads, and the person next in rank in each department will be appointed by the Mayor and placed in the unclassified service.

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